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MEMORANDUM FOR : Assistant Director, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Hycon B Camera #118

1. An NPIC evaluation [] dated 16 August 1963) of a film clip from a U-2 test flight, GT 63-126, made with a new Hycon B Camera #118 (which contains a new and improved lens) confirms Hycon predictions that the resolution of this camera would be about 10% above the performance of the B cameras now in use.

2. In view of the DCI's desire to improve the resolution attained on Cuban missions, suggest that consideration be given to commit camera #118 to Cuban operations. A total of two additional B Cameras with improved lenses are to be delivered on 20 August and 5 September.

3. [] who sparked and initiated this improved B Camera procurement, now is investigating the cost and schedules of improved lenses (the main feature in the improved camera) and the feasibility of retrofitting and up-dating the existing B Camera inventory.

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